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Primary Health Centres
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) functioning in the country, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether the said PHCs have shortage of medical specialists, paramedical staff and medical equipments as per standards fixed by Government, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken to make up for the shortage of doctors, paramedical staff and medical equipments;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start new PHCs in rural and tribal hamlets, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated by the Government and utilized by the States/UTs in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government has taken note of any irregularities in providing online data of Community Health Centres leading to poor implementation of National Health Mission, if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): A State/UTs wise statement showing the number of Primary Health Centres functional in the country including the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chattisgarh as on 31st March, 2015 as per Rural Health Statistics 2015 is at Annexure-I
(b): Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) 2012 does not make provision for medical specialists at PHCs. However the shortfall of Doctors at PHCs is given at Annexure −II.
There is no separate data available on shortfall of Nursing Staff, Laboratory Technicians and Pharmacists at PHCs in RHS 2015. However, the shortfall in these Nursing and paramedical staff at CHCs & PHCs as on 31st March, 2015 as per Rural Health Statistics 2015 is placed at Annexure-III, IV & V.

As per the Health Management Information System (HMIS) 2015-16, 1317 PHCs have reported non availability of medical equipments as per IPHS. 9718 PHCs have reported only partial availability of equipments as per IPHS.

(c): Public Health being a State Subject, under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs to strengthen their healthcare system including for establishment/setting up of PHCs in rural and tribal hamlets based on the demands posed by the States/UTs in their annual Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs), subject to availability of financial resources.
(d): As far as quality of online data of Community Health Centres on HMIS portal is concerned, Government is taking all efforts to ensure data quality by regular training at State level, District level and Block level involving facility level workers, their supervisors and other stakeholders. Data reporting status and other validation reports are displayed and updated on regular basis on HMIS portal for monitoring data quality by States/ UTs, Central Government and other Stakeholders. Regular feedback mechanism on quality of data of HMIS is in place in the Ministry. The feedback is communicated regularly and action taken report is sought from States/UTs to ensure quality of data. To further improve and sustain data quality of HMIS, regular workshops are organised by Central Government involving States/UTs functionaries. There is also a provision of third party audit for quality of data of HMIS at specific time intervals.
Grading of CHCs is also being done, on the basis of which financial incentives are being provided to states. This is encouraging the states to improve the timeliness and quality of data of CHCs on HMIS.